

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 6

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee

December 4, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to the Dalai Lama and Tibet Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 6, as introduced, Blakeslee. Tibet.

This measure would recognize the Dalai Lama for his contributions to world peace and leadership in seeking nonviolent solutions to international problems, designate March 10, 2009, as Dalai Lama and Tibet Awareness Day, support the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people in their efforts to seek meaningful autonomy for Tibet, and oppose China's efforts to oppress the Tibetan people through use of fear, terror, and political education.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama, Tenzin
- 2 Gyatso, is the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Dalai Lama was born to a peasant family in
- 5 the small village of Takster in northeastern Tibet; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In 1951, the Chinese People's Liberation Army
- 7 invaded Tibet, and the Dalai Lama was forced into exile in India
- 8 after the Chinese military occupation of Tibet; and
- 9 WHEREAS, March 10, 2009, marks the 50th anniversary of the
- 10 uprising against Chinese rule over the Tibetan people, which forced
- 11 His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, to escape into exile; and

1 WHEREAS, Since establishing the Tibetan government-in-exile
2 in Dharamsala, India, in 1960, the Dalai Lama has struggled to
3 uphold and promote Tibetan language, history, religion, and
4 culture; and

5 WHEREAS, His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, has used his
6 leadership to promote democracy, freedom, and peace for the
7 Tibetan people through a negotiated settlement of the Tibet issues,
8 based on autonomy within the context of China; and

9 WHEREAS, The freedom of expression, assembly, and religious
10 beliefs are fundamental human rights that belong to all people and
11 are recognized as such under the United Nations Universal
12 Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on
13 Civic and Political Rights; and

14 WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly passed
15 Resolutions 1353 (XIV), 1723 (XVI), and 2079 (XX) calling for
16 the cessation of practices that deprive the Tibetan people of their
17 fundamental human rights and freedoms, including the right to
18 self-determination; and

19 WHEREAS, Numerous Californians and California-based
20 nonprofit organizations support His Holiness, the Dalai Lama's
21 vision for a better world, including the Dalai Lama Foundation,
22 the Tibetan Association of Northern California, and the Tibetan
23 Association of Southern California; and

24 WHEREAS, The Dalai Lama spoke at the California Governor
25 and First Lady's Conference on Women in September 2006 in
26 Long Beach, California, about compassionate leadership; and

27 WHEREAS, The United States Congress, in recognition of the
28 Dalai Lama's outstanding moral and religious leadership and his
29 advocacy of nonviolence, awarded him the Congressional Gold
30 Medal on October 17, 2007; and

31 WHEREAS, The Dalai Lama was recognized for his contribution
32 to world peace when he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989,
33 and has received worldwide recognition and praise for his
34 leadership in seeking nonviolent solutions to international
35 problems; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Assembly recognizes His Holiness,
38 the Dalai Lama, for his contributions to world peace and leadership
39 in seeking nonviolent solutions to international problems; and be
40 it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Assembly recognizes March 10, 2009, as
2 Dalai Lama and Tibet Awareness Day to educate Californians
3 about the teachings of the Dalai Lama and his efforts to preserve
4 the Tibetan culture; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Assembly supports the Dalai Lama and the
6 Tibetan people in their efforts to seek meaningful autonomy for
7 Tibet and opposes China's efforts to oppress the Tibetan people
8 through use of fear, terror, and political education; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
10 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.